

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

[To accompany S. J. R. No. 56.]

JANUARY 11, 1859.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. MASON, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, submitted the following letter from the Secretary of State, which was ordered to be printed, to accompany joint resolution S. R. 56:

Letter from the Secretary of State to the Hon. J. M. Mason, chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, asking that provision may be made for paying the salaries of the ministers resident to the Argentine Confederation, Costa Rica, and Honduras.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, December 14, 1858.

SIR: I have the honor to state that, pursuant to the 9th section of the act entitled "An act to regulate the diplomatic and consular systems of the United States," approved August 18, 1856, the President has accredited a minister resident to the Argentine Confederation, who has been instructed to proceed to Buenos Ayres; a minister resident to Nicaragua, who has been instructed to proceed to Costa Rica; and also a minister resident to Guatemala, who has been instructed to proceed to Honduras.

There having been no appropriation for the salary of a minister resident to the Argentine Confederation, Costa Rica, or to Honduras, I have the honor to request that, pursuant to the act above mentioned, authority, by joint resolution of Congress or otherwise, be given to pay the compensation for the ministers to those countries out of any balance of former appropriations in the treasury "for salaries of envoys extraordinary, ministers, and commissioners of the United States at Great Britain, France, Russia, Prussia, Spain, Austria, Brazil, Mexico, China, Chile, Peru, Portugal, Switzerland, Rome, Naples, Sardinia, Belgium, Holland, Denmark, Sweden, Turkey, Buenos Ayres, New Granada, Bolivia, Ecuador, Venezuela, Guatemala, Nicaragua, and Sandwich Islands."

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

LEW. CASS.

Hon. JAMES M. MASON,

Chairman of Committee on Foreign Relations, Senate.

